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Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fifth session

Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

[*To be completed*]

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, United Nations system and intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations as set out below will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

[*To be completed*]

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Chapter II
Introduction

4. The Forum held its first session at United Nations Headquarters from 13 to 24 May 2002 and submitted its report to the Council.[1]

5. The Forum held its second session at United Nations Headquarters from 12 to 23 May 2003,[2] its third session from 10 to 21 May 2004[3] and its fourth session from 16 to 27 May 2005.[4]

6. By its decision 2005/253, the Council decided that the fifth session of the Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 May 2006.

Chapter III
Special theme: the Millennium Development Goals and indigenous peoples: redefining the Goals

7. The Forum considered item 3 at its 2nd to 6th and 8th meetings, from 15 to 19 May.

8. At its 2nd meeting, on 16 May, statements were made by David Choquehuanca Cespedes, Foreign Minister of Bolivia; Carmen Maria Gallardo Hernandez, Chairperson of the Commission on the Status of Women; J. L. Alvarado, Chairperson of the Working Group on the Draft Declaration of the Organization of American States; Phrang Roy, Assistant President of International Fund for Agricultural Development; and Marisela Padron Quero, Director, Latin America and the Caribbean Division, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) (on behalf of Executive Director of UNFPA).

9. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Michael Dodson, Wilton Littlechild, Hassan id Balkassm, Nina Pacari Vega, Ida Nicolaisen, Liliane Muzangi Mbela, Otilia Lux de Coti, Eduardo Aguiar de Almeida, Merike Kokajev and Pavel Sulyandziga. The Chairperson also made a statement.

10. At its 3rd meeting, on 16 May, the Forum held a dialogue with indigenous peoples and heard statements made by the following organizations: North American Region, Asian Indigenous Peoples Caucus, Latin American Caucus, Arctic Regional Caucus, Pacific Caucus, Global Indigenous Caucus, African Caucus, Women's Caucus, Enlace Continental de Mujeres Indigenas; Caribbean Antilles Indigenous Peoples Caucus and the Diaspora, Assembly of First Nations, Crimean Tatar Perspective, Khmers Kampuchea-Krom Federation, Foundation for Aboriginal and Islander Research Action, National Aboriginal Community Controlled Health

[1] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2002, Supplement No. 23* (E/2002/43/Rev.1).

[2] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2003, Supplement No. 23* (E/2003/43/Rev.1).

[3] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2004, Supplement No. 23* (E/2004/43/Rev.1).

[4] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2005, Supplement No. 23* (E/2005/43/Rev.1).

Organization, Zo Reunification Organization, Mbororo Social and Cultural Development Association, Te Runanga o Te Rarawa, Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, International Indian Treaty Council, At-Sik Hata Clan of Yamassee American Moors, International Indigenous Forum on Biodiversity, World Hmong People's Congress.

11. At the same meeting, statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Wilton Littlechild, Otilia Lux de Coti and Nina Pacari Vega.

12. At its 4th meeting, on 16 May, the Forum held a dialogue with the following organizations and bodies: United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA), International Organization for Migration, Thematic Group on Indigenous Issues of United Nations Country Team in Ecuador, Inter-American Development Bank, Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS, United Nations University, United Nations Human Settlements Programme, and World Bank. Comments were made and questions were raised by the following members of the Forum: Wilton Littlechild, Parshuram Tamang, Nina Pacari Vega, Hassan Id Balkassm, Merike Kokajev, Ida Nicolaisen, Otilia Lux de Coti, Qin Xiao Mei, Eduardo Aguiar de Almeida and Michael Dodson.

13. At the same meeting, the representatives of the following organizations and bodies made statements: Secretariat of the Convention on Biological Diversity, UNICEF, UNFPA, UNESCO, World Bank, Inter-American Development Bank.

14. At its 5th meeting, on 17 May, the Forum held a dialogue with Governments and heard statements made by observers of the following countries: Denmark, Canada, Dominica, Norway, Guyana (on behalf of the Rio Group), Viet Nam, Fiji, Australia, Thailand, Brazil, Spain, Bolivia, New Zealand (on behalf of Australia, New Zealand and the United States).

15. The following members of the Forum made statements: Nina Pacari Vega, Hassan Id Balkassm, Liliane Muzangi Mbela, Yuri Boychenko, Wilton Littlechild, Ida Nicolaisen, Otilia Lux de Coti, William Langeveldt, Addaluk Lynge and Parshuram Tamang. A statement was also made by Carrie Dann on behalf of the Western Shoshone Defence Project.

16. At its 6th meeting, on 18 May, the Forum continued its dialogue and heard comments and statements made by observers of the following organizations, bodies and countries: Philippines, United Nations Environment Programme, the World Intellectual Property Organization, United Nations Institute for Training and Research, World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Forum on Forests, the Economic Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean, AILA/North American Gathering, Akha Heritage Foundation, Asian Development Bank, Seventh Generation Fund, United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Nepal Federation of Indigenous Nationalities, North American Region-International Indian Treaty Council/Assembly of First Nations Canada/Indigenous Environmental Network, Indigenous Information Network, Congress of Aboriginal Peoples.

17. At the same meeting, Erica-Irene Daes, Special Rapporteur of the Subcommission on the Protection and Promotion of Human Rights on indigenous peoples' permanent sovereignty over natural resources, and Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, made a statement. The following members of the

Forum also made statements: Ida Nicolaisen, Merike Kokajev, Otilia Lux de Coti, Hassan Id Balkassm, Parshuram Tamang, Wilton Littlechild.

18. At its 8th meeting, on 19 May, the Forum concluded its consideration of item 3 and heard statements by the observers for Azerbaijan and Turkey. Statements were made by the representatives of the following United Nations bodies and other intergovernmental and indigenous peoples organizations: WHO, Confédération des associations amazighes du Maroc, Confederación de las Nacionaliosdes Indígenas del Ecuador, Armenian Sisters, Indigenous Peoples Survival Foundation, World Adivasi Council/Chotanagpur Rising Association/Mundari Literary Council, Yurta Mira, Southern Diaspora Research and Development Center, Peace Campaign Group, Defensoría de los Pueblos Indígenas del Ecuador en América, Shimin Gaiko Centre and Vanishing Rights and Indian Confederation of Indigenous and Tribal Peoples, La Red Xicana Indigena and White Mountain Apache Rainbow Center, Mt. Arafat Embassy Clan Yamassee Native Americans, Retrieve Foundation, Fundación para la Promoción del Conocimiento Indígena, North American Region — International Indian Treaty Council/Assembly of First Nations Canada/ Indigenous Environmental Network, Kamakakuokalami Center for Hawaiian Studies, Regional Organization of Threatened Societies, Comisión Jurídica para el Autodesarollo de los Pueblos Originarios Andinos, Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People, Guatemalan Caucus, Consultorio de los Pueblos Indígenas en el Norte de Mexico, Movement against Domination of African Minorities, Chemudep Organization, Christian Organization Supporting Community Development, Organización de la Nacionalidad Huaorani de la Amazonía Ecuatoriana, Akuaipa Waimakat, Grandmothers of Mother Earth, Crimean Tatar Perspective, Servicios en Comunicación Intercultural Servindi, Habitatpro Association, League of Khakas Women Altynay, Bangladesh Indigenous Peoples Forum, Indian Council of South America, Red Nacional de Comunicadores Indígenas de Peru, Negev Coexistence Forum for Civil Equality. Statements were made by the following members of the Forum: Eduardo Aguiar de Almeida, Hassan Id Balkassm, Liliane Muzangi Mbela.

Action taken by the Forum

19. At the ___ meeting, on 26 May, the Forum adopted the draft recommendations submitted under item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

Chapter IV
Ongoing priorities and themes

A. Thematic discussion on Africa

20. At its 7th meeting, on 18 May, the Forum held a thematic discussion on Africa, co-chaired by Victoria Touli-Corpuz and Liliane Muzangi Mbela, and heard statements by the following members of the Forum, panelists and observers of United Nations and other international organizations and bodies: Kamel Rezag-Bara, Chairperson of the Working Group on Indigenous Populations/Communities of the African Commission of Human and Peoples Rights, Johnson Ole Kaunga, Souadata Aboubacrine, Zephyrin Kalimba, Hassan Id Balkassam, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, William Langeveldt,

International Labour Organization, Ida Nicolaisen, Unissons-nous pour la promotion des Batwa, Africa Caucus, Centre d'accompagnement des autochtones pygmées et minoritaires vulnérables, Elmolo Eco-Tourism Rights Development Forum, Mainyoito Pastoralists Integrated Development Organization, Association Tunfa, Working Group of Indigenous Minorities in Southern Africa, Association pour la redynamisation de l'élevage au Niger, Indigenous Information Network, World Bank, UNDP. A statement was made by the observer for Botswana.

B. Human rights, with special emphasis on an interactive dialogue with the Special Rapporteur of the Commission on Human Rights on the situation of the human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people

21. The Forum considered item 4 (b) at its ___ meeting, on __ May.

[*To be completed.*]

C. Indigenous children, youth (2003) and women (2004)

22. The Forum considered item 4 (c) at its ___ meeting, on __ May.

[*To be completed.*]

D. Discussion of the analytical paper, with a concise compilation of the recommendations of the first three sessions of the Forum and the status of their implementation at the national, regional and international levels

Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People

[*To be completed.*]

Action taken by the Forum

23. At its ___ meeting, on __ May, the Forum adopted the draft recommendations submitted under agenda item 4 (see chap. I, sect. B).

Chapter V
Future work of the Forum

24. The Forum considered item 5 at its ___ meeting on __ May.

[*To be completed.*]

Action taken by the Forum

25. At its ___ meeting, on __ May, the Forum adopted the draft decision submitted under item 5 (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision).

Chapter VI
Draft agenda for the sixth session of the Forum

26. The Forum considered item 5 at its ___ meeting, on __ May.

[*To be completed.*]

Action taken by the Forum

27. At its ___ meeting, on __ May, the Forum adopted the draft decision submitted under item 5 (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision).

Chapter VII
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its fifth session

28. At the ___ meeting, on 26 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft report of the Forum on its fifth session (E/C.19/2006/L.9).

29. At the same meeting, the Forum adopted the draft report.

Chapter VIII
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

30. The Forum held its fifth session at United Nations Headquarters from 15 to 26 May 2006. It held __ formal meetings to consider items on the agenda and four informal meetings for consultations among members of the Forum.

31. At its 1st meeting, on 15 May, the session was opened by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and Coordinator of the Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People. The Decade was launched at the same meeting. During the opening ceremony, Clint Shenandoah, Chief of the Onondaga Nation, United States, offered words of blessing to the session.

32. At the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the United Nations made a video statement. Statements were also made by the Under-Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Acting President of the General Assembly.

33. At the same meeting, a statement was made by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the fifth session of the Forum.

B. Attendance

34. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, United Nations and intergovernmental organizations and bodies, and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in annex __.

C. Election of officers

35. At its 2nd meeting, on 15 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Victoria Tauli-Corpuz

Vice-Chairpersons:
Otilia Lux de Coti
Aqqaluk Lynge
Liliane Muzangi Mbela
Ida Nicolaisen

Rapporteur:
Michael Dodson

D. Agenda

36. At its 2nd meeting, on 15 May, the Forum adopted the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2006/1.

E. Documentation

37. A list of the documents before the Forum at its fifth session is contained in annex __.